Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a)

1103	..	507,469·69 acres.
1104	..	507,964·78 ,,
1105	..	508,371·65 ,,
1106	..	508,387·21 ,,
1107	..	508,579·84 ,,

N. B.—These figures include the area of both dry and wet lands.

(b) New areas are being thrown open almost every year for cultivation.

(c) Information is being collected.

(d) The Government are taking all possible steps to increase the extent of land under cultivation by assigning all unassigned lands fit for the purpose.

Nelliampathy Hills—Coolies.

628. **Mr. K.G. Nayar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether coolies working on the hills are given rice at four measures a rupee;

(b) how many measures of rice are given to the coolies working in the plains for a rupee;

(c) whether any representations were made to the Government regarding the hardships of coolies working in the hills?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(a) No. Rice is given at six measures a rupee in the hills.

(b) Eleven.

(c) None as far as could be ascertained.

Industrial loans granted.

629. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to give an account of their disbursement of Industrial loans and of the working of the concerns to which they have extended State-aid?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(1) Rs. 10,588—Advances made by the Director of Public Instruction.

(2) Rs. 62,488—10—0 to Vaniampara Rubber Company.

(3) Rs. 2,77,400 to the Sita Ram Spinning and Weaving Mills.

(4) Rs. 1,21,755—0—9 to the Cochin Tanneries.

The last alone is not working now.

Working capital of Co-operative Societies.

630. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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